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DIRECTOR, FBI (105-77346)

10/23/59

SAC, NEW YORK (105-35467)

VISIT OF AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
COMMITTEE TO USSR, 1959
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(OO:WFO)

GILBERT EDWARD NOBLE
IS - R

ReBulet 9/1/59.

ReBulet reflects that GILBERT EDWARD NOBLE, Union Carbide Corporation, NYC, attended the captioned exhibition in Moscow, USSR. It is noted that Union Carbide holds classified government contracts.

The NYO indices reflect no information identifiable with NOBLE except newspaper clippings regarding the exhibition which will be set forth hereafter.

[redacted] Personnel Department, Union Carbide, 30 E. 42nd St., NYC, on 10/15/59 advised SA [redacted] that NOBLE was employed by Union Carbide on 3/24/52. Her records reflect that NOBLE is a clerk in the International Division. She said she had no knowledge of the type of material he handled or what his duties were.

[redacted] further stated her records indicate that NOBLE graduated from DeWitt Clinton High School, NYC, in 1949. He attended City College of New York for one year two years, but did not graduate.

Prior to employment by Union Carbide, NOBLE worked as a clerk for the Sterling Drug Company, NYC, from February, 1949 to December, 1949; from February, 1950 to March, 1952, he intermittently worked for the New York Public Library, 42nd St. and Fifth Ave.

- ③ - Bureau (105-77346) (RM)
- 2 - WFO (105-30038) (RM)
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NOBLE served in the US Armed Forces between October 28, 1952 and November 5, 1954, at which time he returned to his position at Union Carbide.

On 10/15/59, [] International Division, Union Carbide, made available the following information regarding NOBLE:

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NOBLE, a "rate clerk" is an average employee who shows no promise of future administrative advancement. He has access to no classified information.

In June, 1959, NOBLE was granted a leave of absence to participate in the captioned exhibition in Moscow. He was believed to have attended as a participant in the fashion show and was in no way a representative of Union Carbide. [] stated that Union Carbide, to his knowledge, had no display at this exhibition.

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[] stated that his office was aware that NOBLE had previously worked part time as a fashion model. He was believed to have posed for "Ebony" magazine and may have had a couple of pictures published.

[] stated that he has learned from the newspapers and communications from NOBLE that while in Moscow, he was married to his fiancée, [] who was also an employee of the exhibition. [] said that he did not know the details but that some difficulty was encountered in their marriage plans and that NOBLE and [] were eventually married by a Soviet official and not by an American official as was planned.

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NOBLE, after his wedding, requested an extension of his leave of absence in order to take a honeymoon in Europe. This was not anticipated by Union Carbide when the original leave of absence was granted although they were aware of his engagement to []. In early October, NOBLE advised that he was in Italy and following his wife's recovery from an illness, would leave from London, England, for the US, arriving in NYC on 10/22/59.

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[] said that it is highly unusual for his firm to grant such lengthy leaves of absence, but that due to

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the publicity NOBLE had received, they felt they had no other choice. This, however, he said has caused considerable discontent among other employees because there are approximately 100 other employees who have been denied extended leaves of absence.

[] indicated he felt NOBLE had taken undue advantage of the existing situation without regard for his employer. For this reason, he said NOBLE's continued employment with Union Carbide is very much in doubt at the moment but that his final decision to retain NOBLE will be made following NOBLE's return.

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The July 16th "New York Times", and July 15th "Herald Tribune" contained articles reflecting that a portion of the fashion show depicting intermingling of Negroes and whites had become the subject of controversy and protest by forty-one of two hundred fifty fashion writers who saw the dress rehearsal.

One of the scenes was dropped from the production subsequent to this rehearsal depicting the wedding of a Negro couple in a civil ceremony with a white couple as witnesses. The wedding couple were GILBERT NOBLE []

[] director of the fashion show explained in the "Herald Tribune" that "some deletions were made in the interest of brevity." This article further indicated this couple, NOBLE [] would be retained by the exhibition but their roles at that time were in doubt.

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The NYO indices reflect no information identifiable with [] except newspaper clippings referred to above.

The NYO feels that NOBLE would be attractive to Soviet intelligence merely on the basis of this employment with Union Carbide. They undoubtedly are aware of his employment, but it is doubtful they would be aware of his actual duties from the information available to him, unless they have approached him.

Due to the unusual publicity surrounding NOBLE, the Soviets were afforded an excellent opportunity to approach him.

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It is noted that NOBLE earns \$395.00 per month at Union Carbide and from this, contributes to the support of his mother, yet he has taken a lengthy honeymoon throughout Europe.

In view of the above, the NYO feels it desirable to interview NOBLE and accordingly requests Bureau permission to do so.

SAC, New York

November 23, 1959

Director, FBI (105-82375)

GILBERT EDWARD NOBLE
IS - R

Re New York letter 10/27/59.

Bureau does not desire that New York interview Noble at this time. Note in this regard the racial issue which was raised in connection with the plans concerning subject's participation in the proposed fashion show at American National Exhibition in Moscow. Bureau also notes that subject's employer, the Union Carbide Company, is undecided as to whether or not to retain him following his return from abroad. In light of the foregoing, Bureau is of the opinion that Noble, if interviewed, may endeavor to lay his troubles at the foot of the Bureau in the event he is not re-employed. Bureau also notes that subject does not have access to any classified material at his former place of employment. New York remain alert for possible future contacts of the Soviets by subject and if such occur, advise the Bureau and your request for authority to interview him will be reconsidered.

Extra copy of this letter is furnished for inclusion in New York file 105-35467 and WFO file 105-30038.

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2 - WFO

1 - 105-77346 (Visit of American National Exhibition Committee JCS:db:jrb)(8) to USSR, 1959)

NOTE: Subject is young Negro formerly-employed as rate clerk by Union Carbide, who took leave of absence to accept employment with the American National Exhibition in Moscow. Subject has also worked part-time as a model for "Ebony" magazine. As part of exhibition, it was planned that subject and his fiancée would appear in a model marriage ceremony as bride and groom with white models as bridesmaids and guests. The preshowing of the fashion show brought considerable criticism in this country from fashion editors on the basis that it was not truly representative of American way of life and the inter-racial marriage scene was dropped from the show.

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Letter to New York
GILBERT EDWARD NOBLE
105-82375

Subject and his fiancée, however, remained with the Exhibition and traveled to Russia where they were married by a Russian official in a civil ceremony. Thereafter, they took an extended honeymoon by car throughout Europe. Subject's employer is disturbed at him for taking protracted leave from his employment as this has created bad example for other employees. His employer is weighing advisability of not rehiring him. Subject was said to be an average employee with no promise of future advancement. In light of all this, believed inadvisable to interview him as he may attempt to criticize Bureau in event he is not reemployed.

Legat, Paris (100-1084)

November 20, 1959

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Director, FBI (105-82375) - 3

GILBERT NOBLE:

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Reurlet 10/27/59.

Noble, an American Negro, was employed as a rate clerk by the Union Carbide Company in New York City. In June, 1959, he was granted a leave of absence to participate in the American National Exhibition in Moscow. Noble has been employed on part-time basis as a model for "Ebony" magazine. Noble and his fiancée [REDACTED] were employed by the American National Exhibition as fashion models and it was planned that they were to appear as bride and groom in a fashion show in which the bridesmaids and guests were to be white models. In a preview of the fashion show, much criticism appeared in the New York Press on the basis that the marriage scene did not truly represent American way of life and accordingly, it was dropped. Noble and his fiancée traveled to Russia to appear in the fashion show. They were reportedly married by a Soviet official in a civil ceremony in Moscow. Union Carbide is disturbed at Noble's extended leave of absence and is contemplating advisability of not rehiring him. Foregoing is submitted in connection with your request for information concerning background of subjects.

1- Foreign Liaison Unit (Route thru for review)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82375)

DATE: 12/1/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (105-38294)

SUBJECT: GILBERT EDWARD NOBLE
IS - R

— ReNYlet dated 10/27/59, and Bulet dated 11/23/59.

Referenced NYlet sets forth this office's desire to interview NOBLE in connection with his participation in the American Exhibition in Moscow, 7/25-9/5/59.

Bureau, in referenced letter, instructed that NOBLE not be interviewed. In view of the fact that no further investigation is contemplated regarding NOBLE, this case is being placed in a closed status by the NYO.

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Date 11/30/59

To

☒ Director

FILE # 105-82375

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Title GILBERT NOBLE:

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ReBulet to Paris 11/20/59. Information was
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on 11/30/59. RUC

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SAC, New York (105-38294)

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Director, FBI (105-82375)-5

1 - Mr. Smith

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GILBERT EDWARD NOBLE
IS - R (AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION,
USSR, 1959)

Reurlet 5-7-65.

Bureau authority is granted for you to interview Gilbert Edward Noble and/or his wife [redacted] in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects. At the outset of the interview you should explain to them the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibility in the internal security field and seek their cooperation. You should endeavor to develop the desired information and to determine if the Soviets have ever contacted either of them since their return from the USSR.

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Advise Bureau of the results and submit your recommendation concerning possible further action.

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NOTE:

Subject, Negro male, born 2-22-32, New York City, married [redacted] in West Indies

while both were participating in the American National Exhibition in the USSR during 1959. Before returning they took an extended honeymoon by car throughout Europe. Subject was at that time on a leave of absence from his job as a clerk with the International Division, Union Carbide, 30 East 42nd Street, New York City. The New York Office had determined that company officials were considering not reinstating subject as he had over stayed his leave. New York was denied authority to interview at that time (11-59) as his employment status was unsettled. It was deemed that if interviewed he might try to involve Bureau in this matter. New York has now determined that subject is employed as a teller by Chase Manhattan Bank, 18 Pine Street, New York City and resides with his wife at [redacted] New York City. [redacted] is not employed outside of her home.

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In view of the contacts subject and his wife had with the Soviets while in the USSR they should be interviewed to determine if either have been contacted by the Soviets since their return. Based on the information developed by New York as well as review of Bufiles there is no reason why subject and/or his wife cannot be interviewed at this time.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: *[Signature]*
FROM: *[Signature]*

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82375)

DATE: MAY 7 1965

SAC, NEW YORK (105-38294) (P)

SUBJECT:

GILBERT EDWARD NOBLE
(AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION,
USSR, 1959)
IS - R
(OO:NY)

ReBulet 11/23/59 in captioned matter.

This case was reopened by the NYO for further consideration re interview. It is noted that the Bureau declined permission to interview subject on 11/23/59 due to the problem the subject was experiencing at his employment with Union Carbide Company, NYC.

On 3/25/65, [redacted] Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 West 27th Street, NYC, advised that she recalls the subject very well. The subject and [redacted] were members of D.C.B. [redacted] the fashion exhibit at the captioned exhibition. They were married while in the USSR. [redacted] stated that the NOBLES presently reside at [redacted] [redacted] and that the subject is employed as a teller by Chase Manhattan Bank, 18 Pine Street, NYC. [redacted] advised that the NOBLES have children now and that [redacted] is no longer employed. [redacted]

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The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as made available on 4/1/65, by [redacted] to IC [redacted] reflects the subject's employment as Chase Manhattan Bank, NYC. The credit records reflect no derogatory information concerning the subject.

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The records of BCI and BSS, NYCPD, as caused to be checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, reflect no information concerning the NOBLES.

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The records of the Manhattan Board of Elections, as checked on 4/5/65 by IC [] reflects that the subject was born on 2/22/32. His employment was listed as Chase Manhattan Bank, 18 Pine Street, New York City. The records further reflect that the subject's wife is [] Her occupation was listed as a housewife.

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A review of the files of the NYO reflects that the subject and his wife were mentioned in NYlet and LHM dated 7/22/60, captioned [] (VISIT OF AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION COMMITTEE TO THE USSR, 1959), Bufile 105-77346, NYfile 105-35467.

[] pointed out during an interview that she was present at a party in Moscow, USSR, at the home of one [] a Negro former American who is now a Soviet citizen. The subject and his wife were at this party and exhibited a great deal of friendliness with [] [] was suspicious of [] since he had his own apartment, which is unusual in Moscow. [] felt that [] might in some way be connected with Soviet Intelligence.

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It is felt by the NYO that an interview of the subject and his wife would be appropriate to determine if any contact has been made with [] or anyone else from the USSR. Since the subject is no longer employed by Union Carbide Company, it is felt that the risk of embarrassment to the Bureau through an interview does not exist, at this time. Therefore Bureau permission is requested for an interview of the subject and his wife.

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A copy of this communication is designated for WFO, the office of origin in the case entitled "VISIT OF AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION COMMITTEE TO USSR, 1959".

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Subject Albert Edward Noble

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82375)

DATE: 7/12/65

FROM :

SAC, NEW YORK (105-38294) (C)

SUBJECT:

GILBERT EDWARD NOBLE
(AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION,
USSR, 1959)
IS-R
(OO:NY)

ReBulet, 5/20/65, which granted authority to interview the subject.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and four copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) reflecting the results of an interview of the subject's wife, [REDACTED]. One copy of the LHM is designated for WFO, the office of origin in the case entitled "VISIT OF AMERICAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION COMMITTEE TO USSR, 1959".

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It is noted that referenced Bulet granted authority to interview the subject and/or his wife. [REDACTED] SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] went to the subject's home with assurance from [REDACTED] that her husband would be available for interview. However, [REDACTED] advised that her husband had been detained at work and would not be available. Therefore, only [REDACTED] was interviewed.

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The responsibilities of the FBI in the field of internal security were explained to [REDACTED]. She was cooperative during the interview and advised that she would notify the FBI if she or her husband had any contact with anyone from the USSR. The NYO does not feel that it is necessary to interview the subject since he and his wife were married in the USSR during the captioned exhibition and she was with him during the entire time of the exhibition. The NYO does not feel that any further

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SOVIET SECTION



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action is necessary in this matter. From the results of the interview, it does not appear that the subject or his wife have any informant potential at this time.

The LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" since the existence of a Soviet Intelligence interest in the members of the captioned exhibition was disclosed by

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York
July 12, 1965

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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[REDACTED]
(Visit of American National
Exhibition Committee to Union
of Soviet Socialist Republics
(USSR), 1959)

[REDACTED] was interviewed on July 1, 1965
by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
[REDACTED] Gilbert Edward Noble, reside at
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that she and her husband were
members of the captioned exhibition which went to Moscow,
USSR, in 1959. She and her husband were married in the
USSR during the summer of 1959. Both were models connected
with the Fashion Exhibit at the exhibition. [REDACTED]
stated that [REDACTED] is employed as a clerk at Chase
Manhattan Bank, 18 Pine Street, New York City.

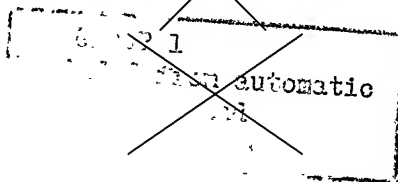
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[REDACTED] advised that she could not recall
any embarrassing or compromising incidents that occurred
during the exhibition. [REDACTED] were entertained
by one [REDACTED] a former American who is now a Soviet
citizen. [REDACTED] approached them at the exhibition and they
subsequently visited [REDACTED] home and spent quite a bit of
time with [REDACTED] and his wife. [REDACTED] did not make any unusual
statements or requests of the Nobles during their acquaintance.
[REDACTED] told the Nobles that he was an actor. [REDACTED]
advised that [REDACTED] were suspicious that [REDACTED]
might, in some way, be connected with Soviet Intelligence.
[REDACTED] had his own apartment and seemed to be living quite
well in comparison with other Soviets in Moscow, USSR.
[REDACTED] advised that it seemed unusual that [REDACTED] was
frequently showing up at places where the Nobles happened
to be. [REDACTED] stated that since their return to the
United States they have not received any word from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised that she has no reason to
expect contact with any Soviet national in the United States.

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